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Letter dated 6 May 2010 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Argentina to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit herewith the Declaration of the Union of South American Nations on the question of the Malvinas Islands, adopted at the Special Meeting of Heads of State and Government of the Union of South American Nations, held in Los Cardales, Buenos Aires, on 4 May 2010 (see annex).

I should appreciate it if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly under agenda item 23.

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Declaration of the Union of South American Nations on the question of the Malvinas Islands

The Heads of State and Government of the Union of South American Nations reiterate their firm support for the legitimate rights of the Argentine Republic in the sovereignty dispute with the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland over the question of the Malvinas Islands. Furthermore, they recall the region's abiding interest in the Government of the Argentine Republic and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland resuming negotiations in order to find, as soon as possible, a peaceful and definitive solution to the sovereignty dispute over the Malvinas Islands, South Georgia Islands and South Sandwich Islands and the surrounding maritime areas, in accordance with the relevant resolutions and declarations of the United Nations and the Organization of American States.

In that connection, they highlight the continuous constructive attitude and willingness of the Argentine Government to reach, by means of negotiations, a peaceful and definitive solution to this anachronistic colonial situation on the soil of the Americas.

They also reject the activities to explore for non-renewable natural resources on the Argentine continental shelf carried out by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, in flagrant violation of the provisions of United Nations General Assembly resolution 31/49, which calls upon the two parties to refrain from taking decisions that would imply introducing unilateral modifications in the situation while the islands are going through the process recommended by the General Assembly.

Los Cardales, Buenos Aires, Argentina

4 May 2010